

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ABATE et al.
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER PTC RULE 13.1

_____Applicant hereby elects Group 1 with Claims 1-6 and 11-14 drawn to method for forming a film. However, in view of the close relationship between the method of forming a film and the film and bag formed thereby, Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement. In the present case, the bag/film claim expressly is claimed based on the method steps. This is essentially a product by process claim. Although the process steps themselves are not claimed, the structure which results from this is particular to the method and the structure had aspects which are directly related to the method, namely share the same special technical features. Further, it is believed that relevant document WO 02/074,522 does not suggest and does not teach the combination of features linking the two inventions.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted
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